

Open Space Committee (OSC)

Town of Eastham

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 20, 2023 – Hybrid-Meeting Called to Order 3:03pm

Members Present: Joanna Buffington, Frances Lewis (Chair), Karen Strauss, Kait Logan, Linda Dorflinger, Rob Young

Members Absent: Saul Fisher

Staff: Hillary Greenberg-Lemos

1. OSRP Update: No update
2. Conservation Restrictions: Joanna reported that paperwork is now at State level once received back Alex will return to us to review.
3. Stewardship:

Sandy Meadow: Frances reported that Alex, Linda, and Joanna met onsite to discuss work to be completed by Americorps. Alex to schedule work in December. Alex is also investigating the utilization of DPW to complete ADA extension and the specifications needed. The installation of benches to be sought as memorials. Signage for Sandy Meadow Karen to meet with Rob to discuss finalization and set up Drone photography through Kait. Alex to request proof of signage from the company once submitted.

Wiley Park: Frances, Rob, Saul, and Alex walked the trails and discussed signs and the relocation of the large sign and the descriptive sign at trail head. Alex will be working on this. Runoff and drainage was also brought to his attention and it was discussed that this should be a priority. Karen brought up the need to restore pond banks and that the Fire Plan needs to be updated.

Higgins Property: Discussion of the location and size of parking needs to be addressed. It was also discussed if gravel or just dirt be the surface. A new sign was also discussed, and Hillary said it was in the works as well as including abutters on the new installation. A meeting to include Paul Higgins was also discussed to be held onsite. West entrance sign was destroyed so Hillary said the town would be involved in its replacement.

4. Funding: Karen reminded all that the deadline for CPA funds was approaching and we should decide by the next meeting what funding we would be seeking.
5. Joanna brought up the need for a Land Management Plan for Wiley Park should be a priority for the committee. It was mentioned that Shana was working on this, and we should seek the status. Restoration and maintenance of the Park is a driving force.

6. Windmill Weekend and public outreach: Frances suggested that next year we should be located by ourselves and not under the town umbrella to get more interaction. It was also suggested that some type of handout ie. Maps of trails might be a good PR move.

New Business: Linda and Rob to meet with Alex on adapting an app for Stewardship monitoring.

Next meeting: October 18,2023

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Robert Young